

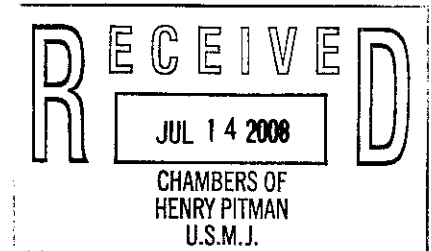
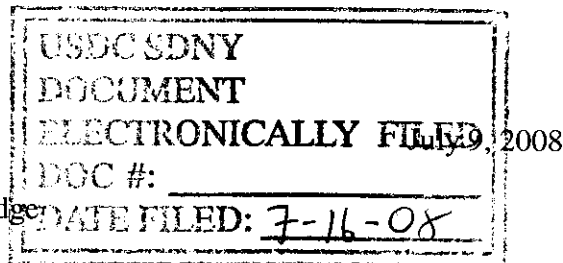
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Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 750
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Re: *Screahben v. Ercole*
08 Civ. 3230 (LTS) (HBP)

Your Honor:

I am the Assistant District Attorney assigned to answer the above-named petition. As a supervising attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, I carry a full appellate caseload in addition to my duties supervising Assistant District Attorneys and support staff. In light of my existing responsibilities, I am unable to frame an adequate response to petitioner-appellant's *pro se* habeas petition by the current filing deadline of August 18, 2008, and, therefore, request an extension to September 18, 2008. This is respondent's first request for this relief. I have neither sought nor received consent from my incarcerated *pro se* adversary.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alexander Screahben, *pro se*
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APPLICATION GRANTED

SO ORDERED

HENRY PITMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

7-15-08